

The Park

Glacier National Park, located in northwest Montana, makes up the core of the Crown of the Continent ecosystem. Old-growth forests, wind-swept prairies, ancient glaciers, and deep lakes are all part of this spectacular mountain landscape. Plants and animals of the humid Pacific Northwest meet and mingle with those of the Great Plains and northern forests. In the space of a few miles, visitors can travel from lush cedar-hemlock forests through alpine meadows to the edge of the western prairies. With over 700 miles of trails, the park is a hiker's paradise. Glacier National Park has nearly the same complete complement of wildlife as when it was established in 1910.

The Position

Park Interpreters are the public face of Glacier National Park. Interns in the Division of Interpretation, with support from experienced staff members, are responsible for researching, preparing, and presenting programs like guided walks and hikes, interpretive talks, boat tours, and illustrated programs on the park's interpretive themes (e.g., wildlife, geology, ecology, human history, climate change, etc.). These programs are given in a diversity of park locations including campgrounds, trails, visitor centers, historic boats, and historic park hotels. Interns staff visitor centers and provide information and informal interpretation to visitors during fixed station and roving assignments.

Interns receive 80 hours of formal training in interpretive skills, customer service, bear awareness and safety, and natural and cultural resources; plus a minimum of 40 hours of on-the-job training in presenting interpretive programs and park operations. Additional training and professional development opportunities will also be available. If you love learning, sharing what you've learned with others, and working hard in a team environment, these positions are incredibly rewarding.

Required Skills & Interest	Employment Dates	Application Information	Position Locations
Public speaking and presentation skills and abilities; interest and/or knowledge in natural and/or cultural history; skill in using computers; ability to work independently and live in a remote area; valid driver's license.	Interns work 40 hours per week with consecutive days off. Summer internships run from June 1 to August 30, 2015 Beginning and ending dates may be flexible.	A resume, cover letter, and contact information for three professional references should be submitted <i>via email</i> by February 15, 2015. Unofficial college transcripts are encouraged. See contact information below.	These positions (up to six) are located in the either the Hudson Bay District (east side) or West Lakes District (west side) of Glacier National Park. Internships may be based out of Apgar, St. Mary, or Many Glacier.
Desired Skills & Interest	Stipend	Housing	Park Contact
Background in interpretation, environmental education, biology, geology, history, or related fields; experience working with the public; current American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR & AED certification or higher.	Interns are reimbursed for living expenses at the rate of \$150 per week. A \$350 travel allowance is also provided. The park provides housing, name tags, and uniforms, plus \$65 to defray the cost of other uniform items.	Depending on duty location, housing can include dormitory, bunkhouse, apartment, or a shared house. Housing costs are covered by the park.	For more information and to apply via email, please contact: Marc Neidig West Lakes District Interpreter, Glacier National Park, PO Box 128, West Glacier, MT 59936 marc_neidig@nps.gov